

## Claims

1. A masking tape comprising:

- a) a heat resistant adhesive tape comprising a flexible sheet backing and a pressure-sensitive adhesive composition,
- b) a masking material, which is laminated in an edge region of the pressure-sensitive adhesive composition, said masking material being capable of adhering to paint and absorbing paint,
- c) a masking sheet, which is laminated onto the very same edge region of the pressure-sensitive adhesive composition,
- d) the masking sheet covering the masking material on a side thereof.

2. The masking tape of claim 1, wherein the adhesive tape is a heat-resistant adhesive tape for the automobile painter, a so-called fine line tape, with a heat resistance especially at temperatures up to 130°C (1 hour), especially one with a sheet backing of polypropylene or particularly of soft PVC.

3. The masking tape of claim 1, wherein the adhesive tape is 15 to 75 mm wide and, in particular 19 to 30 mm wide. ✓

4. The masking tape of claim 1, wherein the masking material consists of paper, woven fabric, nonwoven fabric or another sheet material capable of adhering.

5. The masking tape of claim 1, wherein the masking material is unbleached Kraft paper, having a weight of 30 to 40 g/m<sup>2</sup> and a width especially of 15 to 50 cm and particularly of 20 to 40 cm.

6. The masking tape of claim 1, wherein the masking sheet has a thickness of 7 to 40 mm and especially of 8 to 20 mm, consists especially of polyolefin, particularly polyethylene and especially is corona pretreated, and the width, in particular, is 0.5 to 2 m.

7. The masking tape of claim 1, wherein the masking sheet is folded so that it can be extended, follows, in particular, the external dimensions of the masking material and is folded against the masking material in accordion fashion.

8. The masking tape of claim 1, wherein a portion of the edge region of the pressure-sensitive adhesive composition to which the masking material adheres is 1 to 5 and particularly 2 to 4 mm wide and a portion of the edge region of the pressure-sensitive adhesive composition to which the masking sheet adheres is 1 to 5 and, in particular, 2 to 4 mm wide.

9. The masking tape of claim 1, wherein the tape is rolled up into a roll, the masking sheet is folded and the height of the roll corresponds approximately to the width of the masking material plus the width of the adhesive tape.

10. A method comprising applying the masking tape of claim 1 to a part, especially an automobile part, to be masked, and then subjecting said part to a surface treatment, especially painting.